

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9233

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PDIP, CH, US

SUBJ: GUIDANCE CONCERNING PRC PREMIER

CHOU EN LAI'S DEATH

REF: STATE 005740

1. FOR DEPT INFO, LOCAL PRC EMBASSY ARRANGED ONE-DAY CONDOLENCE BOOK SIGNING, JAN 15. ALTHOUGH PRC EMBOFF INDICATED INFORMALLY FEW DAYS AGO THAT CIRCULAR NOTE WAS BEING SENT, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RPT NO SUCH NOTE. IN CONTRAST, VARIOUS OTHER EMBASSIES RECEIVED NOTE TWO OR THREE DAYS AGO.

2. NOTE WAS STANDARD THIRD-PERSON, BLACK-EDGED AND ADDRESSED TO MFA AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN EGYPT. AFTER USUAL OPENING PARA, IT LISTED EXTENSIVELY ALL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CLAIMED CHOU EN-LAI AS MEMBER AND HONORS AWARDED HIM--TANTAMOUNT TO EULOGY. IT THEN STATED HE HAD DIED OF CANCER IN PEKING AND INDICATED BOOK OF CONDOLENCE WOULD BE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE AT PRC EMBASSY ON THURSDAY, JAN 15, BRITISH, WHO WERE OUR SOURCE OF INFO, SAID NOTE WAS RECEIVED THERE "THREE OR FOUR DAYS AGO." SINCE THIS WAS PRO FORMA COMMUNICATION, WE ARE UNABLE TO DISCERN WHETHER WE WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM MAILING LIST BY CLERK

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OR DELIBERATELY OMITTED. SINCE WE DO NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE CIRCULARS

FROM PRC EMBASSY, WE ASSUME IT WAS LATTER.

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, AMBASSADOR IS MAKING NO RPT NO  
EFFORT TO SIGN BOOK. HOWEVER, SINCE HIS PERSONAL  
RELATIONS WITH PRC AMBASSADOR (WHO IS CURRENTLY ON  
LEAVE) ARE GOOD, AMBASSADOR WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE  
OCCASION TO CONVEY PERSONAL CONDOLENCES.  
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